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THE COMMANDO

The adventures and exploits of the greatest commando leaders of World War II are back in the limelight, so to speak, as a new world threat looms down upon the United States. Those who remember the White Rabbit, in France, Otto Skorzeny, of the Mussolini rescue, and the SAS of the British Eighth Army, in Africa, under Colonel Sterling, or U. S. commando leaders and operations, will appreciate the growing importance of this type of warfare.

In the past, the leaders who touch off wars have largely gone unharmed by the enemy commando. The British tried to capture Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with a daring desert raid, but missed him. But Hitler, Churchill, and other wartime leaders never faced a determined company of parachute commando raiders bursting through guards after dropping by parachute into their residence.

It may not be so next time. Books recently published on the exploits of the great commando leaders (noteably "Commando Extraordinary") give the frank view that enemy headquarters, leaders, and top staffs, will be the object of fast raiding parties in the next war — if there is one.

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A SILENT CAR

In Great Britain plans are going forward to produce a silent car, which does not require gasoline for motivation. H. J. Crawley, of the National Research Department, was quoted recently as saying that Great Britain is ahead of the United States, Germany and Russia, in this field.

That corporation, it is said, is now working on a prototype automobile, which will be operated by eelctricity. It is expected that the electric power will equal ten kilowatts.

The Bacon Cell, which is named for Dr. S. T. Bacon (who did the primary research work on the cell), is expected to be the motivating power in the automobile. The electric power will not be similar to that which was produced by batteries in electric cars of years ago.

The cell does not have to be charged, and is powered by hudrogen-oxygen which circulates in nicked tubes, the tubes being packed with caustic soda. The resulting chemical reaction produces electricity.

In the more distant future, it is envisioned that a small, atomic-power plant will replace gasoline-consuming engines. In both cases it may be possible to eliminate gears and produce a silent automobile.

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CHANCE FOR TAX HIKE

It seems strange, but there is today speculation about a possible tax increase, even though only a few months ago most of the tax speculation concerned a tax reduction. The changed prospect is a result of the changed defense and security pictures.

Spending for defense next year is certain to rise by several billion dollars. A study by the National Planning Association indicates that even if defense spending is stepped up by as much as ten billion dollars, in the next two or three years, the economy can probably shoulder such a burden without the necessity for increased taxes. The privately supported research body believes the expectable economic growth of the nation, plus business stimulation resulting from increased outlays for defense, and resulting higher tax collections, would enable the government to pay the higher defense bill without unbalancing the budget.

We do not share this view, entirely, although we believe that taxes should not be increased. The country cannot well stand another seevere round of inflation without drastic controls and economic danger. It is a time for good management and every effort to avoid either inflation, more taxes or big deficit spending. Good management can work wonders in this field.

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EARTH WARMING UP

Dr. Edward Teller says the earth is warming up. Taking his stand in the controversy concerning the trend of the weather, Teller says that the increasing amount of carbon dioxide in the air is warming up our earth.

Teller says accurate measurements show that there has been an increase of 2% in the carbon dioxide content in the air since the beginning of the industrial revolution. This has been caused by heavy use of fuels such as coal, oil, and its derivatives.

Unless there is a halt to this trend, Teller believes the earth will become overheated before the end of the century. He believes that when the amount of carbon dioxide has increased much further, ice caps on the Poles will begin to melt (they are already receding) and the amount of water in the oceans will increase. This could inundate many great port cities and low countries.

The answer? Teller believes the answer is the use of nuclear fuel. The Associate Director of the University of California's Radiation Laboratory says that we must put nuclear fuel to work, powering electrical plants which otherwise would consume coal, or oil, or other carbon dioxide producing fuels.

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Rocks

ROCKS, Jan. 13— January has certainly lev't us plenty of cold weather so far.

Mrs. John Ranson and Mrs. Toby Ince attended the leaders meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs at Appomattox on last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. D. R. Inge was visiting Mrs. Kate Drinkins and Miss Gertrude Ranson at Hickory Grove in Appomattox awhile Monday afternoon.

Rev. Joseph R. Darden had charge of the Prayer Service on Tuesday night. Only a few out as it was so cold and bad.

Mrs. Hunter Martin entered Va. Baptist Hospital on Wednesday for treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Donald Clark of Pamplin was dinner gues recently of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson and family.

Mrs. Leslie Webber and Barbara Jean attended a shower given Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps Friday night in the home of Eunice Baldwin at Pamplin.

Little James Martin son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin was quite sick last week, but is improving now.

Mrs. Lewis Harris and infant returned home from the hospital Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson and Mrs. Ernest Farrar went up near Washington Staurday to get Mrs. M. H. Marks who had been spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox.

Quite a few from here attended the funeral of W. T. Childers, at Appomattox Sunday afternoon.

Several from here were visiting Mrs. Hunter Martin at Va. Baptist Hospital Sunday.

We are glad to hear Mrs. W. H. Ranson is improving. We hope she will soon be out again.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Sunday at Pamplin with Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson.

Cassie Baldwin spent Sunday afternoon with her Aunt, Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson of near Prospect, who remains about the same.

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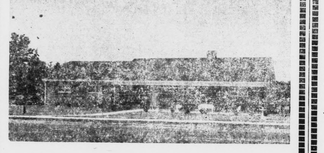

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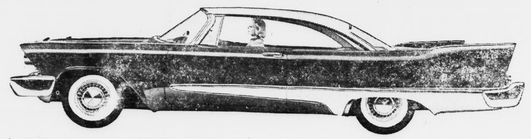

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...ERA, Jan. 14 — "Be ye kind ... to another, even as God for ...ist's sake hath forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:22.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Dean, ...nda and Sandy, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette Sunday.

This community was saddened by the death of Mr. W. T. Childres. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Mrs. C. D. Lewis visited in the home of Mrs. Percy Garrette Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatcher and their son visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher, this past weekend.

Vera, Jan. 13 — "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed to the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

We surely have had old time cold weather for days but it's clear and it's not so bad.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Willie Childers. So many of our old people are passing away. We express sympathy for his family.

Rev. Charles Heddington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Monday.

Little Cathy Harvey visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Mary Inge visited in the same home during the holidays.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Winston Ferguson and have much sympathy for his family.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Alice Grow and do hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Warters on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson.

Pamplin Vicinity

PAMPLIN VICINITY, Jan 14 — Mrs. Raymond Kress, Mrs. Ralph Kress and Mrs. Kester Jamerson gave a miscellanous shower in the home of Mrs. Eunice Baldwin Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps. There were about 80 guests present. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Maxwell McCarthy, of Youngstown, Ohio, They received a lot of nice and useful gifts. One gift which was right amusing was when they opened the box out jumped a littel black kitten which was a lot of fun. Games were played and refreshments were served. Everyone left wishing them all the happiness in the world.

Miss Flora Belle Williams spent the weekend in Richmond and attended the Inauguration.

Mrs. Bessie Mattox, Miss Kate Franklin and Miss Frances Mattox spent the weekend in Richmond.

Mr. Robert Fore, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mr. Laurence Johnson, Mr. Laurence Ramsey, Mr. Paisley Baldwin and Mr. James Ramsey visited Mr. Caley Ramsey who is a patient in Charlottesville Hospital Sunday. He is improving very nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Almond, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. W. S. Cumby Sunday.

We are glad to see Edward Cumby out after being in a few days sick with a cold.

Mrs. Phillip Reynolds and son, Allen, of Red House, visited Mrs. Harry Williams Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robert Tolley and children, Patsy, Eva and Earl Tolley and Mr. Bobby Stanley spent the weekend in Richmond.

Mrs. Dan Talbert, of Texas, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, of Richmond, visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamlett Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville, were Sunday dinner guest of her mother, Mrs. Judy Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, of Lynchburg, spent the weekend here with her brother, Mr. Robert Williams.

Miss Juanita Harris(of Appomattox, spent Wednesday night with her aunt, Mrs. Judy Glover.

Mrs. Jimmie Layne had the misfortune to break a couple of her ribs last week. She is improving at this writing.

PAMPLIN 4th GRADE 4-H

The Pamplin Fourth Grade 4-H Club met Tuesday, Jan. 7. We worked in our workbooks. Miss Armstead came with Mr. Smith and showed us some slides about Belgium. We enjoyed them.
—Louis Mann, Reporter.

Bachelors Get Break

Moscow.- Russia's parliament, the Supreme Soviet, has given a break to Russia's bachelors and some others. A decree eliminated special income taxes for bachelors and persons of other categories, including women living alone, women with families dependent upon them and workers with families including small children.

ITALIAN AID PLAN

Secretary of State Dulles was reported keenly interested in a far-reaching Italian proposal to create a big eighteen-nation fund for long-term development loans to Middle Eastern countries. Italy's Foreign Minister, Guisseppe Pella, placed the plan before Dulles recently as a possible Western move to check Soviet economic penetration of the Middle East.

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Pamplin Rt. 1

PAMPLIN RFD 1, Jan. 15—Mrs. Donald Peterson and sons, of Powhatan spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vester Clifton.

Mr. George Tolley, of Roanoke, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Ranson and daughter, Nancy Carol, and Mrs. Louise Clifton and son, Tony, spent Friday in Powhatan.

Mrs. Annie Meadows spent the weekend in Richmond with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows.

Miss Phyllis Clifton spent Friday night with Miss Phyllis Terry.

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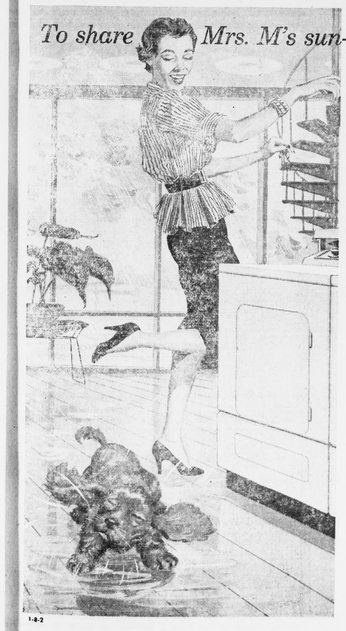

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